

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING Minutes

For the Westhampton Conservation Commission meeting on September 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in their office at the Westhampton Town Hall, #1 South Road Westhampton

Members Present: Fred, Alyson, Bill, Jessica (recording)

Also in attendance: Keith and Ian Saltmarsh, Ryan Nelson, Melissa Nuttelman, Lori Ingraham, Sue Tracy Small, Leah Stanton

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

2. Accept Minutes meeting of: August 16, 2023 (Bill recording)

3. Review correspondence: Melissa Nuttelman and Stephanie O'Keefe, PIL; regarding dock repairs; Mark Bushee, BOH, regarding septic system at 71 Peninsula Rd.; Saltmarsh and DEP/Mark Stinson, regarding NOI 342 Southampton Rd; Martha Lellman, 48 East Shore Dr., PIL, regarding repair /restoration of stone wall along shoreline during drawdown; Town Clerk, re: new requirements/updates to Ethics Training/Certification; Martha Lees, 125 Chesterfield Rd., regarding upcoming NOI for proposed porch construction within 200 ft. riverfront area (about 120 ft. from Brewer Brook, a perennial stream); will require NOI (property owner has been advised to submit notice and attend future meeting).

4. Old/Ongoing Business: NOI hearing, 342 Southampton Rd., Saltmarsh, property owners;(Ryan Nelson), Wetland/Soil Scientist, on behalf of Saltmarsh—responses to DEP/OOC

Hearing Begins 7:05pm

Ryan Nelson (Wetland/Soil Scientist), Levesque Associates, Inc., on behalf of Saltmarsh presents plans/NOI documents: portion of driveway remains within riverfront area; however, alterations include installation of culvert, erosion controls, silt fencing; proposed septic system ok; property owners provided appropriate responses to Mark Stinson's questions/concerns (in documents): Cons Com will draft and sign OOC and send copies to property owners, etc.to submit to Hall of Records, etc.; Cons Com will visit site at some point during construction after silt fences are constructed; After completion, Cons Com will complete and submit COC.

Hearing Ends 7:18pm

Meeting Resumes: 7:20pm

Septic system at 71 Peninsula Rd., PIL: confirm support for recent septic system application; Cons Com votes to approve and will notify Mark Bushee at BOH; property owner in attendance.

5. New Business: HRHS: **SITE VISIT 9-2-2023 (HRHS Fred, Bill, Jessica)**: washed out culvert at HRHS (connects to Sodom Brook)—will require NOI, depending on future plans; Cons Com will advise HRHS regarding possible options;
Sue Tracy Small, on behalf of HRSD: culvert existent for 30 years without issue; completely blown out; recommends repair/reset/adjustment to culvert, add fill from Public Safety Complex, maintain site more regularly; Because it is a perennial stream on private property, a NOI will be required;

Melissa Nuttelman and Stephanie O’Keefe, Board of Directors at PIL (4136870809), questions regarding PIL proposed diving dock repairs:
Melissa Nuttelman presents photos and documents showing necessary structural repair to Pickerel Rock Diving Dock, not chemically treated, rot resistant, black locust; Cons Com approves repairs as routine maintenance/repair;

Leah Stanton: she has concerns about knotweed/invasive, non-native species by Sodom Brook; help with removal?; community service project for students?; will contact science teachers at HRHS for support;

Ethics Training: Town Clerk: recertification required for all members of Cons Com

Sodom Brook clean-up with 4-H Club—Fred and Alyson scheduling

6. Agenda next mtg to Town Clerk’s mailbox: Agenda/Notice will be sent to Town Clerk for September 20, 2023

7. Adjourn: 8:03pm